



First full week of the school year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first full week of the academic year, it has been a tremendously busy and positive week across the school. It has been fantastic to see our students settling back into routines so well and working hard in lessons and around the school. Their commitment, effort and enthusiasm have been evident in classrooms every day, setting an excellent tone for the year ahead.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our students taking part in our full programme of extra-curricular activities this week. With **over 50 clubs available each week**, there are opportunities for every student to get involved, try something new and develop their interests beyond the classroom. There are also some dedicated **Year 11 Revision and Tuition sessions** to support your child prepare for their GCSE's this year.

Student leadership and student voice are also important aspects of school life. Across tutor groups this week, students have begun selecting their **Form Representatives for the Student Voice**, while Year 10 students have started the process of applying to become our next **Head Students**. These opportunities allow students to take part in shaping our school community while showing respect for the views and opinions of others. It is encouraging to see democracy and student voice continuing to thrive throughout the school.

I would also like to make parents aware that we have recently introduced a new phone system. When contacting the school, we will always endeavour to answer your call as quickly as possible. However, **if a member of staff is unavailable, calls will automatically be directed to their voicemail**. Messages are then sent directly to the relevant member of staff via email, ensuring that your enquiry reaches the correct person and can be responded to as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to provide the best possible service to families.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that our **Open Evening** takes place on **Thursday 17 September from 6.00pm until 8.30pm**, with the **main presentation beginning at 7.00pm**. We look forward to welcoming many of you, along with your Year 5 and Year 6 children, to see our school in action. Open Evening is a wonderful opportunity to experience the warm, respectful and ambitious culture that makes our school such a special place, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
- Weird and Wacky History Miss Bethell - HU2 - Retro Games Club Mr Clarke - MA1 - Chess Club Miss Dack - Library - Darts Mr Dowson - PE - Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and Silver Miss Grice - MFL 2 - Film Club Mrs Hastings - IT2 - Knitting Mrs Marshall - Food Room - Make-Up Club Miss McHugh - EN2 - Mindful Colouring Mrs Miles - IT1 - Photography Mrs McHugh - Media Room - Premier League Roundup. Mr Rowe - HU3 - David Attenborough Club. Miss Saunders - HU4 - Crochet Club Miss Teasdale - Tech 2 Sparx Homework Club (Maths) Mr Vaughn - Evans - MA3 - Show Singing Mr Wilson - Music Room - Year 11 English Support Miss Barrow - EN1 - Year 11 Further Maths Mr Bligh - MA4 - Year 11 Science Revision Miss Dunnell - SC2 - Year 11 English Support Mrs Fitzgerald - EN6 - Year 11 Science Revision. Mr Gurney - SC5 - Games Club (Lunch Time) Mrs Cheale - Library - SEND Support SEND Team - IT3	- Young Interpreters Mr Agyapong - MFL 1 Sparx Homework Club (Science) Miss Eagle - SC3 - Photoshop (Yr 7 and 9) (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room - KS4 Media Catch up (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room - Crafty Tuesday (Lunch Time) Mrs Cheale - Library - SEND Support SEND Team - IT3	- Marionette Puppet Making Mr Osborne - Tech 1 - Arts and Crafts Mrs Brewer - SC4 - Girls in STEM Mrs Trigg - SC7 - Year 11 Media Catch up (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room - Chess Club (Lunch Time) Mrs Cheale - Library	- Make and Create Miss Chapman - HU5 - Hockey Miss Childs - MUGA - Art Club (KS3/4) Mrs Dougherty - ART 2 Pokemon and Trading Card Games Mr Gurney - SC5 - Football Mr Herbert - Field - Girls Football Miss Rushmere - Field - Drama Club Miss Simons - Performance Space - Pro Cycling Fans Mr Tate - HU1 - Dr Who Mrs Trigg - SC7 - Aiming for a 4 (Year 11 Maths) Miss Tuttle - MA2 - Flight Club Mr Wilson - Music Room - Aiming for a 5 (Yr 11 Maths) Dr Bernthal - MA5 - Higher Year 11 Maths Revision Mr Hill - MA6 - Embroidery Club Mrs Isgrove - EN5 - Year 11 Media Catch up (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room	- Latin Dr Bernthal - MA5 - Art Intervention (KS4) Mrs Warren - Art 1 - Piano Club (invite only) Mr Wilson - Music Room

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GL Assessments

At Pakefield High School, over the next few weeks we are completing the GL Assessment Progress Tests in Year 7 to help us track and understand how well our pupils are progressing in key subjects: English, Maths and Science. All these assessments will be completed in classes.

Progress Tests are nationally standardised assessments that measure your child's attainment and progress in:

- English – including reading comprehension and writing skills
- Maths – covering number, shape, space, and problem-solving
- Science – exploring scientific knowledge and understanding

They are designed to give teachers a clear picture of how each child is doing compared to other children of the same age across the UK. This will give us the opportunity to identify strengths and areas for support as well as help teachers tailor learning to meet individual needs and provide a national benchmark for achievement.

How Can You Support at Home?

Talk about learning – ask your child what they're enjoying or finding tricky

Encourage reading and problem-solving – these skills support all subjects

If you have any questions about the Progress Tests, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We will report to you your child's standardised scores in the report due this half term.

Attendance Matters

Every day in school matters. National research continues to show a strong link between attendance and academic success.

Department for Education data indicates that students with excellent attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve a Grade 5 or above in both English and Mathematics GCSE compared with students who miss just a small number of additional school days each year. Missing only ten additional days annually can significantly reduce a young person's chances of achieving these important qualifications.

Student Absence & Health Procedures

- If a student is absent for three consecutive days, a home visit will be conducted, even if parents have notified us. If the student remains absent and no one answers the door during the initial visit, we will return the following day.



Illness Protocol

- Unlike primary schools, we do not enforce a 48-hour exclusion period following sickness. Students may return the next day as long as they do not have a temperature or an upset stomach.

Medication (Paracetamol and Others)

- If your child needs to take any medication, including paracetamol, please supply it in its original packaging with your child's name written on it. We will store it for your child's future use. If medication is needed and we do not have any on-site, parents will be contacted to bring it in.

Reporting Absences

- Absences must be reported via one of the following methods:
 - Absence voicemail
 - Class Charts

Please do not contact the Main Office for absence notifications. Messages sent there can experience delays, which can lead to unnecessary follow-up calls.

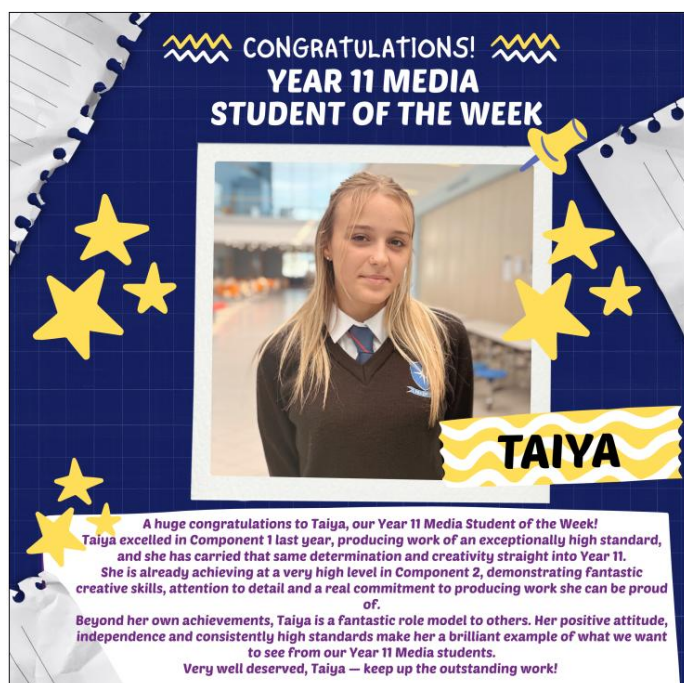
Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time, ready for our 8:30am start.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body and would encourage any parent or carer who is interested in supporting the strategic development of the school to consider applying; if you would like to stand for election, please contact the school via the main office or email HeadsPA@pakefield.org.uk for further information and an application form.



Student of the Week





Year 7 and 8 - Form Time Schedule 2026-2027

Year 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7A	Bedrock (IT3)	Singing	Reading	Citizenship	Assembly
7B	Bedrock (IT2)	Singing	Reading	Citizenship	Assembly
7C	Bedrock (IT1)	Singing	Reading	Citizenship	Assembly
7D	Reading	Singing	Bedrock (IT3)	Citizenship	Assembly
7E	Reading	Singing	Bedrock (IT2)	Citizenship	Assembly

Year 7 Form Tutors

7A - Mr Agyapong
7B - Miss Eagle
7C - Mr Rowe
7D - Miss Dunnell
7E - Mrs Trigg

Year Lead: TBC
SLT Link: Mrs Moore

Year 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8A	Bedrock (IT3)	Reading	Singing	Assembly	Citizenship
8B	Bedrock (IT2)	Reading	Singing	Assembly	Citizenship
8C	Bedrock (IT1)	Reading	Singing	Assembly	Citizenship
8D	Reading	Bedrock (IT3)	Singing	Assembly	Citizenship
8E	Reading	Bedrock (IT2)	Singing	Assembly	Citizenship
8F	Reading	Bedrock (IT1)	Singing	Assembly	Citizenship

Year 8 Form Tutors

8A - Mr Osborne
8B - Miss Saunders
8C - Miss Simons
8D - Mr Gurney
8E - Mrs Warren
8F - Mrs Brewer/Mr Wilson
(Thurs/Friday)

Year Lead: Mrs Jackson
SLT Link: Mr Thompson

Year 9 and 10 - Form Time Schedule 2026-2027

Year 9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9A	Tutor Time	Reading	Assembly	Bedrock (IT1)	Citizenship
9B	Tutor Time	Bedrock (IT3)	Assembly	Reading	Citizenship
9C	Tutor Time	Reading	Assembly	Bedrock (IT2)	Citizenship
9D	Tutor Time	Bedrock (IT1)	Assembly	Reading	Citizenship
9E	Tutor Time	Bedrock (IT2)	Assembly	Reading	Citizenship

Year 9 Form Tutors

9A - Miss Chapman
9B - Mrs McHugh/Mr Hill (Fri)
9C - Mrs Marshall
9D - Mrs Miles
9E - Miss Bethell

Year Lead: Mr M Moore
SLT Link: Mrs Nunn

Year 10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10A	Tutor Time	Assembly	Citizenship	PRE	Reading
10B	Tutor Time	Assembly	Citizenship	PRE	Reading
10C	Tutor Time	Assembly	Citizenship	PRE	Reading
10D	Tutor Time	Assembly	Citizenship	PRE	Reading
10E	Tutor Time	Assembly	Citizenship	PRE	Reading

Year 10 Form Tutors

10A - Mr Bligh/Mrs Isgrove
10B - Mrs Grice
10C - Miss Teasdale/Mrs Dougherty
10D - Mr Tate
10E - Miss Rushmere /Mrs Hastings

Year Lead: Mr Wilkinson
SLT Link: Mr Gibbons



Year 11 - Form Time Schedule 2026-2027

Year 11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11A	English/Assembly	English	Maths	Maths	English
11B	English/Assembly	English	Maths	Maths	English
11C	English/Assembly	English	Maths	Maths	English
11D	English/Assembly	English	Maths	Maths	English
11E	English/Assembly	English	Maths	Maths	English

Year 11 Form Tutors (English)

11A – Miss Dack (Mon/Tues/Fri)
11B – Mrs Fitzgerald (Mon/Tues/Fri)
11C – Mrs Isgrove (Mon/Tues) Miss McHugh (Fri)
11D – Miss Barrow (Mon/Tues/Fri)
11E – Mrs Hastings (Mon/Tues/Fri)

Year 11 Form Tutors (Maths)

11Ma1 – Mr Hill (Wed/Thurs)
11Ma 2 – Mr Vaughn-Evans (Wed/Thurs)
11Ma 3 – Mr Bligh (Wed/Thurs)
11Ma 4 – Mr Clarke (Wed/Thurs)
11Ma 5 – Miss Tuttle (Wed/Thurs)
11Ma 6 – Dr Bernthal (Wed/Thurs)

Year Lead:

Miss Lake/Mrs Adams

SLT Link:

Mr Dougherty



The Three Pillars Challenge

Students will earn between 0 and 5 points based on their position within their year group for:

- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Extra-Curricular Attendance

Points from each category will contribute to their form group's overall score. At the end of each half term, prizes and rewards will be awarded to the highest-scoring form in each year group in recognition of their commitment, participation, and achievement.

This board is located in the middle of the street and will be updated with points every Monday Morning.



Attendance Tickets



Introducing Our New Extra-Curricular Attendance Tokens!

We are excited to launch our new Extra-Curricular Attendance Tokens, which have now replaced the loyalty card system.

Students will receive one token every time they attend an after-school extra-curricular club. Simply write your name and form on the token and place it straight into the Extra-Curricular Prize Draw post box. (Outside Mr Gibbons Office)

At the end of Autumn Term 1, winning tokens will be drawn and students will have the chance to win a range of exciting prizes!

-  Attend a club = Earn a token
-  Post your token in the prize box
-  Be entered into the prize draw
- ★ The more clubs you attend, the more tokens you earn and the greater your chance of winning!

New Reward Tokens

Introducing Pakefield Reward Tokens!

These new tokens will replace Amazon vouchers and give students even more choice in their rewards. Every week, students with 100% attendance will be entered into a draw, with lucky winners receiving a reward token.

Students who take part in extra-curricular activities can also win tokens through the Extra-Curricular Post-box draw each half term.

Once you have earned a Pakefield Reward Token, bring it to Mrs Moore to choose and collect your prize. Tokens can be exchanged for a range of rewards, including footballs, stationery, games, and other exciting items.





Safeguarding Update

As we begin the new academic year, safeguarding remains a key priority for our school community. We want to ensure that every student feels safe, respected, supported and able to achieve their full potential.

The start of a new school year can bring a mixture of opportunities and challenges for young people. Students may experience changes in friendships, increased academic expectations, or pressures both online and offline. We encourage all students to speak to a member of staff if they have a concern about themselves or someone else. No concern is too small to share.

We would also encourage parents and carers to maintain open conversations with their children about their wellbeing, friendships and online experiences. Please remain mindful of any significant changes in behaviour, mood or routines and contact the school if you have any concerns that we can support you with.

Online Safety

As young people spend an increasing amount of time online, we continue to promote safe and responsible use of technology. Parents and carers are encouraged to regularly discuss online activity with their children, including social media, gaming, privacy, online communication and what to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Our safeguarding team is available to provide advice and support to students and families throughout the year. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact the school so that we can ensure the appropriate support is put in place.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Working together, we can help ensure that all of our students are safe, supported and ready to learn.

Apply for free school meals

Find out if your child is eligible for free school meals and how to apply.

You can apply online for free school meals. You'll get an immediate response and confirmation email after you've completed your application.

Use this link to check and [Apply for free school meals](#)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme. [More information from Suffolk County Council is available here](#)



Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
14/09/2026				Year 5/6 Open Evening 6 – 8.30pm	
21/09/2026					
28/09/2026				Flu Vaccine	
05/10/2026				Year 11 Parents Evening	
12/10/2026			Flu Vaccine	Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening	
19/10/2026	School Photos				PD Day No students in school

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure every student has the very best opportunities to succeed.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Warm regards,
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Head of School



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